

News Briefs

Hurrevac announcements

Airmen, their families and Department of Defense civilian employees evacuated during Hurricane Katrina may be eligible for certain entitlements. Eligible members may be entitled to limited evacuation allowances and expenses for lodging, transportation, meals and incidentals. The allowances can be viewed at <https://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/readiness/>, and clicking on links outlining Hurricane Katrina entitlements. For current information on the status of Keesler AFB, Miss., call (800) 435-9941.

Also, Defense Commissary Agency employees from Gulfport, La., New Orleans, La., or Keesler AFB, Miss., who were affected by Hurricane Katrina should call the commissary store director at Ext. 7109.

COSC social

A Columbus Officers' Spouses' Club "Night Full of Mysteries" social is at 6 p.m. Sept. 13 at the Columbus Club. The menu is sliced rosemary pork loin and cost is \$12. Columbus Club members receive a \$2 discount. For reservations, e-mail woodtjig@cablone.net or call 425-6059 by noon Thursday.

Pre-pay gas policy

Customers who wish to pay cash at the Columbus AFB shoppette gas station are now required to pay inside prior to pumping gas. As a reminder, shoppette gas purchases are limited to those with military ID cards that authorize exchange purchases. For questions, call Joyce Best at 434-8484.

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Public health Airman "bugs out" to keep CAFB safe



2nd Lt. Jeremy Cotton

Workmen with the 14th Civil Engineer Squadron make repairs to the moderate damage sustained by the 14th Logistics Readiness Division Walker Center during Hurricane Katrina. Katrina also caused minor damage to another logistics warehouse, and more than 50 trees were uprooted throughout the installation.

Rick Johnson
14th Flying Training Wing

Columbus AFB officials are breathing a collective sigh of relief as damage assessment and clean up efforts are underway now that Hurricane Katrina has come and gone.

The base sustained moderate damage to the 14th Logistics Readiness Division warehouse used for mobility processing. The Walker Center, named of Mississippi Tuskegee Airman Lt. Quitman Walker, sustained damage to its roof. Preliminary estimates put the roof damage at \$600,000.

There was also minor damage to another logistics warehouse, and more than 50 trees were uprooted throughout the installation. Early damage estimates run at \$765,000 as base officials restore the base to its "Showcase of the South" standard.

The Columbus BLAZE TEAM declared the airfield open for operations by noon on Tuesday.

"Considering Hurricane Katrina was a category one hurricane as it passed 24 miles east of the base, we are very fortunate for the extent of damage we sustained compared to our neighbors to the south," said Don Young, 14th

Civil Engineer Squadron deputy chief of operations.

According to Columbus AFB weather officials, maximum winds at the base reached 50 knots from 6 to 7 p.m. and 48 to 49 knot gusts again from 10 to 11 p.m. as the storm passed Monday.

The base did not sustain any storm-related fatalities or injuries.

Sixty of the 209 Columbus AFB-assigned aircraft were flown to other locations in anticipation of the storm. The remainder were sheltered in hangars or secured to the ramp. None of the aircraft sustained any storm-related damage.

Proud promotees



Courtesy photo

The 14th Flying Training Wing congratulates the September enlisted promotees. Pictured are: (front row) to airman: Reginoild Rash, 14th Security Forces Squadron; to airman first class: Aaron Boothe, 14th Operations Support Squadron; Richard Cole, 14th OSS; James Hawk, 14th OSS; to senior airman: Brandon Brown, 50th Flying Training Squadron; John Holmes, 14th OSS; (back row) to senior airman: Marquita Magee, 48th FTS; Deana Rosales, 14th Medical Operations Squadron; Sherri Tucker, 41st FTS; to staff sergeant: Sheila Deleon, 14th FTW; Adam Parnell, 41st FTS; Donnie Stone, 14th SFS; to master sergeant: Werner Martin, 14th Contracting Squadron. Not pictured are: to airman first class: Janet Liliu, 14th OSS; to senior airman: Justin Desorcy, 14th Communications Squadron; Amy Nicely, 14th MDOS; to staff sergeant: Daniel Swindle, 14th Mission Support Squadron; to technical sergeant: Charles Thompson IV, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron; and Anthony Fleming, 332nd Recruiting Squadron.

Certain officers eligible for CJTF credit

RANDOLPH AFB, Texas — Active-duty officers in the grades of major and above, and some captains, are eligible to receive joint duty credit for deployments because of a recently expanded list of approved operations.

The fiscal 2002 National Defense Authorization Act and Title 10 United States Code Section 664 authorizes cumulative joint-duty credit. It only applies to officers who deployed for at

least 90 continuous days to an approved combined joint task force headquarters staff. The cumulative credit may be used in combination with a present or future joint duty assignment to allow early departure from a joint duty position.

The legislation does not apply to officers serving in medical, legal or religious career fields. Captains who filled a valid major or higher grade billet may receive the joint duty credit.

For more information on how to self-nominate or where to fax or e-mail supporting documentation, officers can visit the Air Force Personnel Center's Joint Assignment Section Web site online at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/jom/. Officers may also call the center at DSN 665-3720 or commercial at (210) 565-3720 for more information. (Courtesy of AFPC News Service)



Airman 1st Class Fabiola Brown
14th Comptroller Squadron



The 14th Flying Training Wing thanks Airman Brown for her **outstanding efforts within the 14th CPTS**. She is currently president of the Junior Enlisted League and fulfills customer service responsibilities normally performed by an NCO due to undermanning.

14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, **47 BLAZE TEAM** members are deployed worldwide.

Remember to support the troops and their families while they are away.



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Katrina at Keesler

Hurricane reeks havoc on gulf coast neighbor

Louis Arana-Barradas
Air Force Print News

SAN ANTONIO — Hurricane Katrina smashed “a good 95 percent” of Keesler AFB, Miss., turning it into a pile of debris and mud, said a base spokesperson.

Lt. Col. Claudia Foss, 81st Training Wing public affairs officer, said water surges from the Gulf of Mexico and the Bay of Biloxi reached depths of five to six feet at times.

“Whether it was five feet, one foot or a few inches, at one point everything was covered with bay or Gulf water,” she said.

Fortunately, there have been no reports of people killed or injured at Keesler, she said. More than 6,000 people rode out the storm in seven shelters at the base and all are accounted for. But elsewhere the storm has claimed at least 68 lives and the death toll is expected to rise.

The colonel said what the base looks like now compares “to being in Iraq” because of the destruction and debris scattered everywhere. The storm knocked trees down or stripped them of their limbs.

“Power lines are down,” she said. “We’ve got light poles that are just bent over and there’s nothing around them — so how did they bend over? Everywhere you walk, there’s either debris, trees that have fallen over or mud and muck.”

According to officials at the Air Force Climatology Center at Offutt AFB, Neb., the maximum winds at the base gusted to more than 90 mph. And sustained winds of 50 mph buffeted the base for most of the time.

The devastation at the base near Biloxi is widespread, as it is along the Gulf Coast and further inland. Floodwaters destroyed much of the base housing area and heavily damaged industrial areas, the colonel said. And the storm damaged a big part of the base runway.

“In many homes, there was three feet of water,” said Colonel Foss, who lost her home to the flooding. “In my house, the wall facing the bay is gone.”

The colonel said one home burned down. Other homes less damaged by flooding are “not liveable,” she said.

Near the base front gate that faces the Gulf, six-foot deep water flooded the commissary and exchange stores. Many buildings have missing roofs and walls. Teams are working to clear as much debris as possible so people can return to their homes for the first time since moving into shelters late last week.



U.S. Air Force photo

Facilities at Keesler AFB, Miss., received extensive damage following a direct hit on the base by Hurricane Katrina. Officials are assessing the damage and are in contact with the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

“So we’re anticipating how folks are going to react,” the colonel said. She said many will find their homes destroyed. But at least they can make “an initial assessment on whether or not they can salvage anything.”

To help people cope with the events of the past few days, teams of chaplains and life skills specialists are available at each shelter, Colonel Foss said.

“Definitely, we’re taking care of our active duty members and their families,” she said.

There is no power at the base hospital, so patients must move elsewhere. Medical personnel from Wilford Hall Medical Center at Lackland AFB, Texas, left for Keesler Tuesday to help evacuate about 25 patients, medical center officials said. Three critical care teams and one obstetrics team left on a C-130 Hercules. Keesler officials will evacuate less critical patients to on-base shelters.

The base runway, while damaged, can still support C-17 Globemaster III and C-130 transport aircraft, the colonel

said. The aircraft will help bring in relief supplies, Colonel Foss said.

Help is starting to flow into the base, she said. Teams from the Navy base at Pensacola, Fla., are flying helicopters into the base to help. The Navy, she said, will send search and rescue teams to the base.

Airmen at other bases are ready to lend a hand as soon as possible, the colonel said. A team of Red Horse engineers is one of the first expected to arrive. They will help clear debris and help get the base back on track.

Keesler might be broken at the moment, but its people have not given up hope of starting again, Colonel Foss said.

“Family support here has been phenomenal,” she said. “And we’re taking care of each other.” *(Contributing to this report: Master Sgt. Orville Desjarlais, Air Force Print News; Lois Walsh, Eglin AFB, Fla.; and Sue Campbell, Wilford Hall Medical)*

Gas shortages affect some AAFES stations

DALLAS — The closure of refineries and offshore oil platforms as well as oil pipeline failures in South Eastern United States are impacting fuel availability at Army & Air Force Exchange Service gas stations.

Citing the destruction left by Hurricane Katrina, many AAFES suppliers have given notification of “out of gas” situations at terminals around the country. As a result, there have been sporadic gas shortages at AAFES stations in the Southern and Eastern parts of the United States.

AAFES officials stress that the shortage should not be viewed as a limited regional issue. According to the Oil Express, the industries’ information paper, the situation is a national matter involving at least 40 states where product shortages may soon arise.

AAFES facilities have been advised to order only those gallons actually needed during this time of short supply.

As is the case with the entire petroleum industry, AAFES does not have a get well time frame for reliable gasoline supplies until the industry damage in Florida, Louisiana and Mississippi can be assessed. *(Courtesy of AAFES News Service)*



Oops!

The Silver Wings would like to apologize for a misprint in the Aug. 19 issue.

An article about the household hazardous material program mistakenly implied that base residents can drop off their hazardous waste in the recycling trailer located in the shoppette parking lot. The trailer is for recyclable materials *only*.

All hazardous household products, such as oven cleaners, spot remover, polishes, wax, paints and stains, can be dropped off at the recycling center between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Contaminated mouthwash linked to pneumonia outbreak in Texas, Fla.

(Editor’s note: The following is a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention health advisory, courtesy of the Columbus AFB Public Health Office.)

Several states have notified the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention of clusters of pneumonia and other infections caused by Burkholderia cepacia.

These cases had exposure to alcohol-free mouthwash manufactured by Carrington Labs of Irving, Texas, for Medline Industries of Mundelein, Ill.

Cultures performed by a hospital laboratory where the first cases were detected indicate that multiple lots of Medline alcohol-free mouthwash are intrinsically contaminated with B.

cepacia. In August 2005, the Texas Department of State Health Services was notified of a cluster of nosocomial pneumonia involving three patients hospitalized at a Texas health-care facility.

All three patients were intubated and in the intensive care unit for their underlying illnesses when they developed signs of pneumonia and respiratory cultures grew B. cepacia. All three patients had received oral care using 4 oz. bottles of Medline alcohol-free mouthwash prior to illness onset.

One patient has recovered and has been discharged. The second and third remain hospitalized, one with a poor prognosis. Molecular typing is pending. An additional two clusters, both associated with prior use of Medline alcohol-free mouthwash, are currently being investigated in two Florida health-care facilities.

CDC is working with state health departments and the Food and Drug Administration to determine the magnitude of this outbreak. Carrington Labs analysis of in-house retain samples has confirmed contamination in multiple lots of the product in both 4 oz. and 2 oz. bottles leading to a recall of all alcohol-free mouthwash manufactured by Carrington Labs for Medline.

The suspect product bears a seven- or eight-digit lot number on the bottom of the bottle; suspect lot numbers include numbers 0503*** through 0508*** and 0503*** through 0508***** (asterisks represent any digit). The product is available in 2 oz. bottles as well as 4 oz. bottles and was distributed only to hospitals and long term care facilities.

The product is not distributed for direct retail sale to the consumer. However, the 2 oz. bottles are packaged with other items, such as toothbrushes and toothpaste, by Medline into a personal hygiene hospital admission kit, so some mouthwash may be in the possession of the consumer within a residential setting. Medline alcohol-free mouthwash should not be used. Individuals who are aware of cases of B. cepacia colonization or infection occurring during or shortly after exposure to these products should contact their health department and CDC at (800) 893-0485.

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Tricare to issue permanent ID cards for families of deceased servicemembers

FALLS CHURCH, Va. — A permanent U.S. uniformed services identification card will be available in September for all eligible family members and survivors age 75 and over of deceased servicemembers.

Currently, uniformed services retirees are the only persons who receive a permanent ID card.

Beneficiaries currently in possession of a valid ID card should obtain the new permanent ID card within 90 days of expiration. If beneficiaries’ cards are not due to expire for at least another year, they need not apply for the new ID card until their existing card is within 90 days of expiring, Tricare officials said.

The Military Health System requires all eligible beneficiaries to have an ID card to receive health care.

Beneficiaries will continue to receive health-care benefits, and their claims will be processed with their current ID card until they receive the permanent ID card as long as their information is current in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System.

Even though active-duty and retired servicemembers are automatically registered in DEERS, their family members are not. It is the sponsors’ responsibility to register their family members into the system.

Sponsors must also update the system for themselves and their family members to ensure Tricare benefits and claims processing will continue uninterrupted.

Changes to sponsor’s status, home address and family status are examples of information that need to be properly maintained in the reporting system.

It is important for surviving family members to update their personal information in the system when the active duty or retired sponsor dies, Tricare officials said. For more information, people can call the DEERS support office at (800) 538-9552, or visit the Tricare Web site at www.tricare.osd.mil/deers.

For more information about the permanent retiree ID card, people can call the Tricare Regional Office North at (877) 874-2273, the TRO South at (800) 444-5445 or TRO West at (888) 874-9378. Overseas beneficiaries can call (888) 777-8343. Beneficiaries can also find the nearest ID card issuing facility at www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl/owa/home. *(Courtesy of Tricare Management Activity)*

DUI status

“Don’t Drink and Drive”

Last DUI: June 10, 2005

Days since last DUI: 85

Unit: 14th Civil Engineer Squadron

Career Assistance Advisor Tip of the Week

I am interested in commissioning programs for enlisted Airmen. What programs are available?

There are a few programs available and one is the AECF (Airman Education Commissioning Program). Under this program, Airmen go to school and continue to receive full pay and benefits, as well as up to \$15,000 in scholarships per year and a \$510 annual textbook allowance. If selected for this program, you will attend college to complete your baccalaureate degree and then complete Officer Training School to become an officer. Specific fields include: meteorology, nursing, physics, foreign languages, foreign area studies, math and computer science.

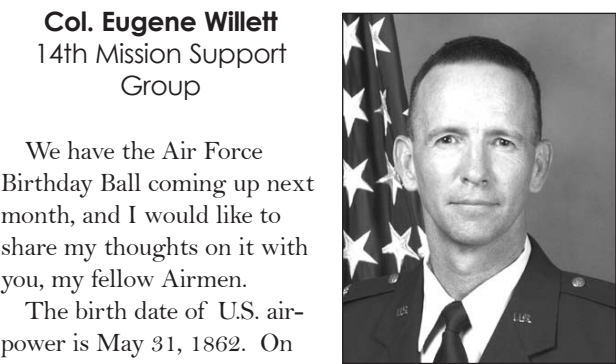
To learn about other commissioning programs, call Larry Brooks at Ext. 2562. To speak with the Career Assistance Advisor, Master Sgt. Shelli Fisher, call Ext. 7004.

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AF Ball serves as Airman family reunion



Col. Eugene Willett
14th Mission Support Group

We have the Air Force Birthday Ball coming up next month, and I would like to share my thoughts on it with you, my fellow Airmen.

The birth date of U.S. airpower is May 31, 1862. On this day, a hot air balloon named the Intrepid was used by Thaddeus Lowe to observe Confederate positions during the Battle of Fair Oaks, Va.

Lowe had been appointed Chief of Army Aeronautics by President Abraham Lincoln on June 17, 1861 after demonstrating the capabilities of hot air balloons on the White House front lawn. In addition to Lowe's appointment on that day, President Lincoln established the United States Army Balloon Corps.

From that day forward, anyone in uniform who had anything to do with the use of the air space, above and beyond our earth to protect and defend our great country, was an Airman (although they may not have known it).

The day the U.S. Air Force was established, Sept. 18, 1947, is the day airpower was officially recognized as a significant contributor to our country's military; but it was not the birth date of the first U.S. Airman.

When President Lincoln established the Balloon Corps, he started the long chain of Airmen that reaches all the way to you and me. It does not matter that the first Airmen belonged to the Army and that we now belong to the Air Force — we are all Airmen.

It also does not matter that some served a short time, while others served a life time — once an

Airman always an Airman. We are all part of the Airmen family; and like many families, we need to get together every once in a while to celebrate our heritage. The Air Force Ball gives us that opportunity.

The Air Force Birthday Ball is more than a party, it is a family reunion. It is a time for all Airmen — generals to airmen basic — to come together and celebrate their common heritage.

Like all family reunions, it is also a time to remember those that came before us and those that are still with us. It is a time to celebrate everyone's contributions: clerks, firemen, mechanics, pilots — everyone that creates airpower. The ball is an opportunity to validate our place in the Airman family.

Most of us who have been in the military for a while have had civilians come up to us in airports and other public places to reminisce about their time in the service. And the people that stick most in my mind are those who were in for only a short time, but fondly remember it as a time of belonging to something special.

Some suffered the crucible of combat, some never left the states, but all belonged. They talk of good times and bad times, but mostly they talk of a time when they were part of something special, something bigger than themselves. Many regretted not recognizing how special it was until they left the service.

Our time in the Air Force will come to an end sooner than we think. For some, they will be off doing great things in the civilian community in just a few years. For others it may be 10, 20, 30 or more years.

But no matter which category you fit into, your time in the Air Force is precious. Your time of belonging is short. We all need to take time and recognize how special being an Airman is — the Air Force Ball is an opportunity to do so.



Military standards more than just suggestions

Master Sgt. Kevin Hawks
51st Mission Support Squadron

A few weeks ago, I was walking into the Airmen's dorm with a young troop. As we approached the door, there was a young man in BDUs standing outside talking with some friends, obviously just home from work. However, he had his BDU shirt unbuttoned, his hat tipped back on his head, and his T-shirt was not tucked into his trousers. I approached him and in a low voice only he could hear I told him, "As long as you're wearing the uniform, wear it correctly." The troop I was with asked me why I had to "bust on him like that." Let me explain.

Since the day we arrived at the gateway

to the Air Force, we are taught the concept of adherence to standards by our military training instructors. After completing basic training and technical school, it seems the 'simple' standards are ignored and a lackadaisical attitude toward them begins to develop.

Later on in a person's career, a light comes on and the importance of those little standards becomes apparent for them; but they are uncomfortable enforcing those standards on others. My thoughts on standards — be it dress and appearance, customs and courtesies or operations — is simple.

They are mandatory, not suggestions. If you read the first page of an Air Force instruction, it states: "By order of

the Secretary of the Air Force," and "Compliance with this instruction is mandatory." That sounds pretty self explanatory to me.

But here's the deeper issue. If a male Airman feels a simple thing like wearing an earring on base is okay, what's to say he doesn't think the enlisted performance report from the evaluations section can wait until tomorrow to process? In this scenario, let's say he gets sick or has to go on emergency leave, and when he gets around to the EPR, the promotion eligibility cutoff date has passed. And now there is a senior master sergeant who missed promotion to chief because the EPR that identified him as a major command Senior NCO of the Year wasn't processed in time.

Another scenario might be a female NCO from aircraft maintenance who feels maintaining her hairstyle for off-duty is more important than adhering to the standard while on duty. What if she

applies the same regard to an altimeter replacement that she does to the hair standard? The following day, a pilot climbs into the cockpit of the F-16 that the mechanic 'repaired' and attempts a maneuver, but crashes because the altitude was not correctly calibrated.

Bear in mind that these scenarios are totally fictitious, but not outside the realm of possibility. We were taught in basic training to maintain standards because we are in a very serious business.

This is not a fast food restaurant where overcooking the fries or showing up late has minimal impact on the success of the restaurant chain. Mistakes we make can have a tremendous impact on the people, the mission and the country in which we serve.

I enforce standards the way I do because of the business we're in. I don't enjoy doing it, but as a first sergeant I don't hesitate to do so and neither should anyone else.

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Choosing to stay in Air Force after 20 years

Master Sgt. Albert Lewis Jr.
325th Fighter Wing

TYNDALL AFB, Fla. — About six years ago a fellow noncommissioned officer for whom I have a great deal of respect said, "I'm going to retire at 20 years because every day I work after 20 years I'm working for half pay."

My friend was referring to the retirement plan that pays half our basic pay at retirement in some form or fashion. I thought that statement made sense, and since I didn't want to be taken advantage of, I decided I, too, would retire after 20 years of service in the Air Force.

But the closer I came to 20 years, the more unsettled I became with my decision to retire. Each retirement ceremony I attended made me realize that one day I would be forced to say goodbye to the lifestyle I love. Once I acknowledged I really loved the Air Force way of life I wanted to evaluate why I felt this way and justify why I've chosen to stay.

There are many reasons why I have chosen to stay longer than 20 years, but in the interest of time and space, I'll just share three with you.

I've found the Air Force to be a family-friendly organization that provides me a sense of a higher calling while adopting a set of values I'm proud to strive to live up to.

From the top down the Air Force is truly focused on caring for the family. Over the past year I've heard our wing commander say on numerous occasions: "Family is first!" Take care of your family."

I first experienced this early in my career. My wife, Cheryl, and I had just transferred to Europe, and at 2 a.m. in the morning there was a knock at our door.

We opened the door to find my first sergeant there to explain how he just received a call from the Red Cross that Cheryl's grandfather had died. The "shirt" told us if we needed assistance getting back to the United States to let him know and he would have airline tickets for us in the morning.

I also recall going on temporary duty assignments at various times in my career and leaving Cheryl at home with our young children.

During these times, members of my work center would call or stop by and check on my family, run errands, baby-sit, etc.

I'm now preparing for another TDY while I write this article, and I know that in my absence my Air Force family will, as always, take care of my immediate family.

Every day I wake up proud to think I contribute to one of the highest callings known to man — to preserve freedom for the human race. I am empowered with the thought that I am freedom's guardian.

Whether I turn a screw on a jet or fix a computer; whether I flip a burger in the dining facility or flip a mattress in lodging; whether I process performance reports or travel vouchers; whether I take control of a vehicle or a classroom, I am a part of the machine that keeps people free.

As freedom's guardian, I have a hand in every scientific, medical and technological breakthrough. Although I'm proud of the mission I'm tasked to accomplish, I'm also humbled by the values I'm expected to uphold.

The Air Force Core Values make us the envy of other organizations. I recall the first Airman Leadership

School graduation Cheryl attended six years ago when the guest speaker talked about our core values.

Our drive home began in silence until I looked at Cheryl and asked what was on her mind. Almost in awe, she said, "Wow — Integrity First, Service Before Self and Excellence in All We Do."

It took me three weeks to learn those core values, and Cheryl memorized them after one graduation speech.

My wife is a registered nurse and works in the local community, and she said, "If my job adopted this set of values then we would have more motivated workers because everyone would strive for excellence; we would have more satisfied patients because the staff would be more concerned with the service they provide as oppose to their personal desires; and if we all displayed integrity, the staff would have a better working relationship because we would trust one another."

For the first time I saw our Air Force Core Values in the light they were meant to be seen. I've always known them, but I never really stopped to notice them. That night the Air Force Core Values became a part of both Cheryl and me.

Our Air Force is a family-friendly organization that provides a higher calling to its members and advocates a system of beliefs that I'm proud to call my own. A wise man once said, "Love what you do for a living and you'll never have to work a day in your life." I still love what I do for a living.

Straight Talk Line

The Straight Talk Line is your direct line to the commander for comments and suggestions on how to make Columbus AFB better. The Straight Talk Line phone number is 434-7058. Callers should leave their full name and phone number to receive an answer. All names are kept confidential. Messages are answered in Silver Wings without names. Written questions may be dropped off at the public affairs office in the wing headquarters building, Bldg. 724. People can also access the Straight Talk program through the Blazeweb at <https://columbusweb> and the main Web site at www.columbus.af.mil. Questions and answers will be edited for brevity.

Lt. Col. Mark Murphy
354th Maintenance Squadron

EIELSON AFB, Alaska — "Daddy, can I have a box?"

I turned to answer my five year-old daughter who was looking up at me with big brown eyes. "What do you need the box for?" I asked.

She replied, "Sherry and Terry's kitty died and we need a box to bury him in."

What parent could resist such a touching moment? So I grabbed the nearest box and sent her on her way. Problem solved.

You can imagine my horror when, a few minutes later, I glanced out the window and saw my daughter, her two friends and the box out in the street.

I ran outside to get the girls out of the street, looked down and saw the biggest Siamese cat I'd ever seen, stuck to the hot Illinois asphalt like a chunk of firewood frozen to the ground in the middle of winter. The girls lovingly

How to deal with the fudge factor

called this chunk of roadkill "Fudge."

I brushed away the flies, kicked Fudge loose, grabbed him by the tail, and tossed him in the box. The girls thanked me and headed back to Sherry and Terry's house. Problem solved.

Or so I thought. No sooner did I have my hands washed when the girls were back at the front door with the box. My daughter explained her friends' dad wouldn't let them bury Fudge in their backyard. Could they bury him in ours? Suddenly what little cuteness that remained was gone.

"Absolutely not!" I told her. "For one thing, I rent this house. For another, I'm not burying another man's cat in my backyard."

I looked out the back window and found the girls in a vacant lot between two houses behind ours, sitting next to the box and scratching in the dirt with teaspoons. Soon dinner time arrived and the girls all got called home.

After dinner, my eye caught something I hadn't noticed before — little black marks on

the box. I suddenly realized it wasn't just an ordinary moving box. It was a box I'd used to mail things from Officer Training School.

There, in the vacant lot behind my house, was a cardboard box with a petrified cat inside and my name and address on the outside. At the end of the day, that cat was mine.

How many times have you seen someone who made a series of decisions that all seemed perfectly reasonable and valid at the time, but yet things still went horribly wrong? People often get lost in details and lose track of the big picture.

When someone gets into a situation, it's your responsibility to give them a crosscheck and get them to see the forest instead of the trees.

Faced with a challenging situation, it's human nature to get tunnel vision and be blindsided by something you didn't anticipate. Watch for this in yourself, and watch for it in your people, because trust me. You don't want to be stuck with the cat at the end of the day.



Airman Charles Filkins, public health technician, uses the microscope to identify insects found around Columbus AFB.

What You Can Do to Help Fight Mosquitoes

- Empty standing water in old tires, cemetery urns, buckets, plastic covers, toys, or any other container where "wigglers" and "tumblers" live.
- Empty and change the water in bird baths, fountains, wading pools, rain barrels, and potted plant trays at least once a week if not more often.
- Drain or fill temporary pools with dirt.
- Keep swimming pools treated and circulating and rain gutters unclogged.
- Use mosquito repellents when necessary and follow label directions and precautions closely.
- Use head nets, long sleeves and long pants if you venture into areas with high mosquito populations, such as salt marshes.
- If there is a mosquito-borne disease warning in effect, stay inside during the evening when mosquitoes are most active.
- Make sure window and door screens are "bug tight."
- Replace your outdoor lights with yellow "bug" lights. (Courtesy of www.epa.gov)

CAFB Airman ‘bugs out’ to keep community safe

Airman Alyssa Wallace
14th Flying Training Wing

Airman Charles Filkins, 14th Medical Operations Squadron, sets six mosquito traps around base once a week just before sunset.

Dry ice is poured into a cooler connected to a container with a light and a fan inside it. A hole in the bottom of the cooler emits carbon dioxide as the dry ice evaporates. Mosquitoes are attracted by the carbon dioxide and sucked into the container by the fan.

Traps are set in Capitol, State and Magnolia Housing, Strategic Air Command Lake, the horse stables and the child development center.

The next morning the traps are checked and the mosquitoes inside are taken to the lab to be sorted by gender. The number of mosquitoes caught in each trap depends on the location of the trap. The female mosquitoes are sent to Brooks AFB, Texas, for identification by species, and the results are returned to the Public Health office here. The male mosquitoes are thrown away because they can't spread diseases.

So far, more than 19 different species of mosquitoes have been caught on Columbus AFB.

According to the mosquito control Web site, different species can carry many different diseases such as Malaria, Yellow and Dengue Fever and West Nile virus.

Airman Filkins said the mosquito species need to be identified so the proper treatment of diseases can be administered to someone who was infected by a bite.

Traps are placed around the stables because horses can become hosts for diseases. The mosquitos who bite the horses can also bite human beings and infect them with the same diseases.

Traps are also placed in wooded areas, such as SAC Lake.

"More mosquitoes are caught around SAC Lake than around housing because of the trees and standing water," Airman Filkins said.

The larvae of mosquitoes only survive in stagnant water and can be found in items outside such as: pools, tires, buckets and empty flower pots. It only takes about two days for the eggs to hatch and turn into flying mosquitoes.

Another reason the traps are set is for pest control.

"There are target numbers of mosquitoes for each area, and if the number of mosquitoes caught is more than the target number, we ask

Civil Engineer pest control to spray that area." Pest control uses different types of pesticide to kill the mosquitoes. One method is BTI tablets, a biological control.

"The tablets release parasites after they are put in water, and the parasites eat the larvae," Airman Filkins said.

Although the tablets aren't available for base residents, public health officer Capt. Michael Cuomo said there are items available for base personnel at the base Pride Store.

"Residents can also prevent mosquito bites by wearing pants in bushy areas and using an insect repellant," Captain Cuomo said. "We suggest that military personnel use repellants with DEET."

Captain Cuomo also asked that if anyone comes into the clinic for an insect bite, they bring the insect with them.

"We will be able to identify the insect and treat the bite properly," Captain Cuomo said.

For more information, call Airman Filkins at Ext. 2411 or visit https://columbusweb/mdg/Columbus_AFB_Mosquitoes.htm.



Airman Filkins sets a mosquito trap in Capitol Housing on base Wednesday evening.

Special events, activities offered to BLAZE TEAM

All-you-can-eat lunch buffet: The Columbus Club offers an all-you-can-eat lunch buffet from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. Cost is \$4.95 for everyone during September.

The a la carte menu is also available with the new 12-minute guarantee -- order your lunch and if its not ready in 12-minutes your next lunch is free. Call Ext. 2490.

Boss and buddy night: The Columbus Club offers an all-ranks boss and buddy night from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursdays in the Landing Lounge. A free taco bar is available for club members, and non-members pay \$2.95. Beverage specials are also available. Call Ext. 2490.

Bowling center closed for maintenance and repair: The snack bar and bowling lanes will be closed Wednesday for maintenance and repair and will reopen Thursday. The burrito bandito delivery service will not be interrupted. Call Ext. 2426.

Super Sunday bingo: The Columbus Club offers a \$10,000 maximum payout bingo program starting at 2:30 p.m. Sept. 25. Club members may purchase a bingo voucher worth \$60 for just \$50 until Sept. 22 at the Columbus Club, golf course, outdoor recreation and bowling center. Nonmembers may play but must pay a \$10 entry fee. Call Ext. 2490.

Comedy night: The Columbus Club offers a comedy night featuring comedians Morfey and LaVantor starting at 8 p.m. Sept. 30. Cost for club members is \$5 in advance or \$7 at the door. Nonmembers pay \$7 in advance or \$9 at the door. Tickets can be purchased at the Columbus Club, golf course, outdoor recreation or the bowling center. A disc jockey will entertain immediately following the show until 1 a.m. Call Ext. 2490.

Holiday hours: The following services activities will be open Monday -- the bowling center from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., the dining facility from 9:30 a.m. to noon and from 5 to 7 p.m.; the fitness center from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., the golf course from 7 a.m. to dusk, the Magnolia Inn is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and Independence Pool from noon to 7 p.m. All other activities will be closed Monday. The auto hobby shop and wood hobby shop will be closed Saturday.

Spelunking adventure: Register at outdoor recreation for this spelunking trip Oct. 8 and Oct. 9. Cost is \$75 per person and includes transportation, cave camping and breakfast. Call Ext. 7861.

Services complex fees: The 14th Services Division complex will be available for non-official functions for a nominal fee of \$35. This fee is to offset the cost of setting up and cleaning the facility after each use. The complex is available at no charge for official functions such as commander's calls and promotion ceremonies. To reserve the complex for official and non-official functions, stop by the youth center to complete a reservation form. Call Ext. 2504.

Rolling Along



Pam Wickham, 14th Services Division, practices bowling for the upcoming Jimmy Buffett party set for 7 p.m. Sept. 10 at the bowling center. The event will feature \$1 cheeseburgers, beverage specials and the music of Jimmy Buffett. Prizes will be awarded for the best dressed. Call Ext. 2426.

AF clubs offer free NFL tickets

Pam Wickham
14th Services Division

Air Force clubs are sending eight people to the Super Bowl for free.

Each year, club members worldwide who participate in the Air Force clubs Football Frenzy promotion can win a free trip to the Super bowl, the Pro Bowl or a regular season game.

Members need only attend a Football Frenzy event, fill out an entry form and hope they get selected.

"Football Frenzy is a members reward program," said Rick Winland, club complex manager. "There are many reasons to be a club member, and a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity like this is just one of them."

In addition to the National Football League game trips, the club will offer food and beverage discounts, specials and prize giveaways during Football Frenzy events.

"The Football Frenzy program is open to all ranks and begins Sept. 11 at the 14th Services Division Complex, open every Sunday from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m.

"In order to properly kick off our program, we will be giving away one of ITT's NFL trips to New Orleans for the Miami Dolphins versus the Saints game Oct. 29 and Oct. 30," Mr. Winland said.

The package includes transportation, one night's

lodging and a ticket to the game.

The club will also offer free traditional football snacks for club members and 50-cent beverage specials. Nonmembers may attend, but must pay a \$5 admission fee.

In addition to T-shirts, hats and other prizes, club members can qualify to win a recliner, compliments of No Place Like Home, by being one of the "hardest working fans." Club members "clock-in and -out" with the manager, and the fan who "works" the hardest wins the recliner at the end of the Football Frenzy promotion in February. The recliner will be on display at the 14th SVS complex.

The first Football Frenzy drawing will be in November. Eight winners will be chosen to attend the Miami versus San Diego game held Dec. 11 in San Diego, Calif. Each winner is allowed to bring one guest to the game.

The second drawing will be in December. Four winners and their guests will attend the Super Bowl Feb. 5 in Detroit, Mich. The third drawing will send four winners and their guests to the Pro Bowl, held in one of the world's most sought-after vacation destinations -- Honolulu, Hawaii.

"These trips are so fantastic, even non-football fans are sure to enjoy them," Mr. Winland said.

The Air Force promotion provides free airline tickets, a free rental car and free hotel accommodations. For more information about this program, contact the club at Ext. 2490.



What is AFROTC?

AFROTC is a 2- to 4-year program that produces officers to serve on active duty in the Air Force for a 4-year commitment

Who can join?

- Students who:
- * Are pursuing a college education
 - * Have a 2.0 grade point average or higher
 - * Are in good physical shape
 - * Are U.S. citizens
 - * Have high moral values

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What are the benefits of active duty?

- * \$38,000 starting salary
- * Free medical/dental coverage
- * 30 days vacation each year
- * 100% tuition assistance

What scholarships are available?

- * In-College Scholarship Program: Competitive program for any major
- * College Scholarship Program: High school seniors only

To learn more, visit www.afrotc.com

Movies

Today
“Wedding Crashers”
(R, sexual content/nudity and language, 119 min.)
Starring: Owen Wilson and Vince Vaughn.

Saturday
“Sky High”
(PG, action violence and some mild language, 102 min.)
Starring: Kurt Russell and Michael Angarano.

All movies are shown at 7 p.m. at the base theater, unless otherwise noted. For more information, visit www.cafb.services.com.

Chapel Schedule

Catholic

Sunday:
9:15 a.m. — Mass
5 p.m. — Confessions
5:30 p.m. — SUPT Mass

Protestant

Sunday:
9 a.m. — Adult and children’s Sunday School
10:45 a.m. — Contemporary/Traditional combined service
Wednesday:
9:30 a.m. — Ladies Bible study
11:30 a.m. — Lunchtime study
5 p.m. — Pot luck supper and
6 p.m. — Video study
A Case for Kids
Pioneer Clubs

Religious studies

“Living by the Word,” a workbook-based course by Howard Hendricks on how to study the Bible inductively, is from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Monday at the base Chapel annex beginning Sept. 12. All are welcome to attend this Bible study fellowship sponsored by the Officers’ Christian Fellowship. For more information, call Maj. Kenneth Crane at Ext. 2000.

Contemporary worship

The Protestant contemporary worship service will return to its regular time and location and beginning Sept. 11. The service is from 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. at the 14th Services Division Complex. For more information, call Chaplain (Capt.) Patrick Knoester at Ext. 2500.

Base Notes

Education assessment

The education center is conducting a needs assessment now through Sept. 9 to identify strengths and find better ways to serve the base community. To complete the survey, visit <https://afvec.langley.af.mil/pages/center.aspx?ID=2700>, select “Take Survey” under the area titled “Needs Assessment,” select “Columbus,” click “Start,” answer the 10 questions and click the “Submit” button when done. Participants are encouraged to provide comments as deemed appropriate. For help or questions, call Ext. 2562.

POW/MIA ceremony

All BLAZE TEAM members are invited to attend a POW/MIA Recognition Day ceremony at 4 p.m. Sept. 16 at Ceremonial Plaza in front of the wing headquarters building. The event will feature a four-ship flyby. Dress code is uniform of the day.

Case lot sale

A commissary case lot sale is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 16 and Sept. 17 outside behind the store. For more information, call Ext. 7109.

Student Spouse Group

Past, present and future student spouses are invited to a Student Spouse Group social from 10 a.m. to noon Sept. 20 at Beans and Cream at Brickerton Square. Cost is \$5 per person and guest presenter Brandi Diaz will lead a Stampin’ Up workshop. The group is part of the Columbus Officers’ Spouses’ Club and provides spouses an opportunity to meet new people and build resources. For more information or to sign up, contact Vanessa Hedlund at 352-1159 or vanessypooh@hotmail.com by Sept. 15.

Active-duty orders

Civilian employees ordered to active-duty status are required to provide a copy of active-duty orders to the civilian personnel flight so that a request for personnel action may be initiated for leave without pay and options concerning employee benefits and entitlements may be discussed. Orders should be dropped off at Room 254 of Building 926. For questions or more information, call Ext. 2636.

SGLI automatic increase

On Sept. 1, Servicemembers’ Group Life Insurance will automatically increase to \$400,000 with a premium cost of \$26. People have the option of declining or reducing that amount.

Those retiring after Sept. 1 who have already signed the work-copy of their DD Form 214 should call Robert Sims at Ext. 2596.

People who do not contact that military personnel flight customer service section and sign SGLV 8286, Servicemembers’ Group Life Insurance Election and Certificate, to either decline or reduce the amount will automatically be enrolled for \$400,000 coverage. For more information, call Master Sgt. Tonya Noble at Ext. 2624.

Thrift Shop

The Thrift Shop, located at Building

345, C Street, is open from 3 to 6 p.m. Tuesdays and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursdays. Consignments are accepted until one hour from closing. Volunteers are needed. Any amount of time is appreciated. For more information, call 434-2954.

Family Support Center

(Editor’s note: *All activities are offered at the family support center unless otherwise specified. For more information about any of the activities listed, call Ext. 2790.***)**

Spouse welcome

A welcome reception for spouses new to Columbus AFB is from 10 to 11 a.m. every Wednesday at the Magnolia Inn Lobby. Spouses will receive gifts and information about the family support center.

Local employment

A workshop about employment opportunities with local businesses, the 14th Services Division and government applications is from 1 to 2 p.m. every Wednesday. Resumes and other job applications will also be discussed.

Job fair tips

A workshop with tips on how to present a professional image at a job fair is from 9 to 10 a.m. Wednesday.

Financial management

Personal financial management training is from 11 a.m. to noon Wednesday.

Relocating

A workshop discussing programs and resources available to families relocating to another base or country is from 11 a.m. to noon Thursday.

TAP workshop

A transition assistance workshop for personnel who are within one year of retirement or separation from the military is from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sept. 13 through Sept. 15. To sign up, call Ext. 2839.

Air Force Aid Society

The Air Force Aid Society offers 24-hour emergency assistance. Possible aid includes interest-free loans, grants, car repairs and emergency travel. For more information about the organization, call the family support center.

Tennessee Williams Tribute: The Tennessee Williams Tribute and Tour of Victorian Homes is Thursday through Sept. 11. The event begins with a welcome for out-of-town scholars and visitors at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Jack White. Dakin Williams, brother of the two-time Pulitzer Prize winning playwright Thomas Lanier “Tennessee” Williams, will be the guest of honor. The four-day tribute includes breakfasts, lectures, a book signing, gala reception, gallery exhibit and more. Those interested in the event are encouraged to pick up a brochure at the Tennessee Williams Welcome Center to make reservations for events that require a paid ticket. For more information or to obtain a brochure, call 328-0222 or visit the welcome center, located at 300 Main Street in downtown Columbus.

United Way Day of Fun: Kerr-McGee Corps invites everyone to the Lake Lowndes State Park Sept. 10 for the United Way Day of Fun. There will be softball, basketball and tennis tournaments along with a fishing rodeo. There will also be food, jumpers, a cake walk, and a silent

auction. Events take place from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tournament entries must be submitted today. All proceeds will benefit the United Way agencies. For more information and prices, call (662) 327-0807.

Birthday celebration: The Birmingham Zoo invites everyone to celebrate its 50th birthday Sept. 10. Train and carousel rides, moon walks, a birthday cake, ice cream and party hats are all free. General adult admission is \$11. Children admission is free (three per one adult). For more information, call (662) 879-8409 or visit www.birminghamzoo.com.

Poetry reading and book review: The Sandfield Horizon Committee holds an open-mic poetry reading and book review at 5:15 p.m. every fourth Sunday at the Sandfield Community Center. Readings begin at 5:15 p.m. and the book review begins at 6:30 p.m.

Stitches From the Heart: Stitches From the Heart seeks volunteers to knit, crochet or quilt blankets,

sweaters and hats for babies in need. For more information, call Kathy Silverton at (866) 472-6903.

Host families needed: Student exchange Cultural Academic Student Exchange Inc. seeks families in the Golden Triangle area to be host families for high school foreign exchange students. Call (800) 458-8336.

Shoutfest ‘05: This one-day traveling festival is Sept. 4 at the Intersection of Highway 82 and Military Road. Logan Sekulow, host of the Logan Show, will host this year’s events, along with co-host Ron Cottom, host of WAJS morning radio show “Smellin Coffee.” Scott Carter, founder of Reach One ministry and FCA director in north Mississippi will be the special guest speaker.

Shoutfest will feature 10 to 12 bands and will also bring extreme games such as the Quad Power Bungee Jump, Gladiator Joust, obstacle course and more. For more information, visit the shoutfest Web site at www.shoutfest.com.

For more event listings, visit www.columbus-ms.org.

AF wins armed forces softball title

Tech. Sgt. Matt Gilreath
21st Space Wing

PETERSON AFB, Colo. — Air Force wrapped up the Armed Forces Women’s Softball Championship with a decisive 20-15 victory here Aug. 26 over Army.

Air Force lost to Army in the 2004 championship following a three-year winning streak — this year they meant to get it back.

The top of the first inning led off with Army left fielder Niki Dunn driving a single down the third base line. The next batter, shortstop Tammy Baldwin, followed suit to put Army runners on first and second base.

Pitcher Terri Andreoni was up next and hit a shot to deep center field. Hard running and a throwing error allowed two runs to score and left Andreoni on second.

The cleanup batter went down swinging for the first out and a sacrifice fly to right field moved Andreoni over to third.

The following four batters hit singles. Andreoni and center fielder Jackeedra Wimbley scored, leaving the bases loaded for catcher Amanda Errickson. Errickson let the first pitch go by for a strike before popping up an inside pitch to Air Force second baseman Kristy Robinson for the third out but giving Army a 4-0 lead.

Air Force veteran shortstop Cheryl Trapnell drove a single over second base to start things off for the home team in the bottom of the first.

The next two batters, center fielder Karrie Warren and rover Kisha Scott-McCloud, singled to bring Trapnell home for Air Force’s first run.

Left fielder Shameka White cleared the bases with a double to left center field



Tech. Sgt. Matt Gilreath

Left fielder Schameka White gets ready to rip a line drive down the third base line in the first game of the interservice championship series against Army on Aug. 24 at Peterson AFB, Colo. White went 3-5 in the first game that Air Force lost 16-14, but came back to win 20-15 in the championship game Aug. 26.

bringing Air Force within one run.

First baseman Jamie Thompson singled to right field to score White and tie up the game.

A pinch runner, Michelle Skarr, entered to run for Thompson.

Catcher Amanda Snyder got to first on a fielder’s choice as Skarr was thrown out on a controversial call at second.

Back-to-back doubles by third baseman Amanda Peters and Robinson gave Air Force the lead with only one out.

Pitcher Laurie Doughty hit a rocket to shortstop, but the throw was on target and gave Air Force their second out.

Candace Graham produced a single to bring Robinson in and up the score to give

Air Force a three-run lead while bringing up the top of the batting order.

The top of the order came through, scoring Trapnell again before White was caught trying to steal second for the third out to end the first inning with Air Force up 9-4.

Neither team scored in the second inning.

The Army added a run in each of the third and fourth innings, with Air Force countering with two runs to keep their five-run advantage, 11-6.

The top of the fifth inning proved productive for Army, adding five runs to close the gap in their fight to keep the gold medal. Air Force scored one, bringing

Army to within a run at 12-11.

The game heated up as Army finally gained the lead, 13-12, in the top of the sixth inning. Air Force faced the challenge head-on, hitting a load of singles and a double to score eight runs and upping the score 20-13. Army had one last shot in the seventh to make a comeback.

Army started off with a double by Baldwin. Andreoni hit a deep shot to White in left field for Army’s first out, bringing up rover Kimberly Sinclair who had been hitless all night. Sinclair took the first pitch and drove the ball deep over the fence for a two-run homer to bring Army within five runs.

Right fielder Michelle Merga stepped up to the plate and placed a single into center. This brought up Wimbley who popped out to rover Scott-McCloud for Army’s second out.

First baseman Chicola Barrington drove a single up the middle while second baseman Shannon Eichenseer looked the pitches over for a walk. Third baseman Angela Diebal hit behind loaded bases, missing the first pitch for a 0-1 count. She found her mark on the second pitch only to also find Robinson’s glove at second.

The line drive brought in the third out to end the championship game and bringing the gold back to Air Force.

For Air Force, Trapnell went 5-5 with one RBI, and White went 4-4 with two RBIs a double and one stolen base. Thompson went 5-5 with six RBIs and a stolen base.

For Army, Dunn went 3-5 with one RBI and Sinclair went 1-5 with three RBIs and a home run.

Bargain Line advertisement

The Bargain Line is free for all military members (including guard and reserve members), DOD civilians, military retirees, family members and contract employees. Bargain Line advertisements must be turned in to the Silver Wings office in the 14th Flying Training Wing headquarters building by noon Monday to be included in the following week's issue. Late ads will be held over for the next issue. Reruns must be phoned in to the Silver Wings office, 434-7068, by noon Monday for inclusion in the next week's issue. Please do not re-submit ads for rerun on this form. Advertisements should contain a home phone number, home address or both. Duty phone numbers will not appear in the ads. Advertisements for private businesses or services providing a continuous source of income, such as baby-sitting or rental property, may not appear in the Bargain Line. They may, however, be purchased through the Silver Wings publisher, 328-2424. Please fill out this form completely. The Silver Wings staff reserves the right to edit ads as necessary.

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Shorts

Three Ladies Scramble

This 18-hole scramble is scheduled for Sept. 24 at Whispering Pines Golf Course. The tournament is open to the public as well as Columbus AFB personnel.

All food, prizes and golf cart fees will be included in the \$150 registration fee per three-person team. Participation is limited to the first 36 teams to register. For more information, call Ext. 7932.

Intramural tennis season

The intramural tennis season has begun. Tennis court # 1 will be reserved every Wednesday from 6 to 9 p.m. throughout the season. For questions or more information, call Barbara Morton at Ext. 2795.

Bowler appreciation

All day every Wednesday, the bowling center offers all Columbus AFB bowling league members 50-cent games September through April. Bowlers must show their Columbus AFB league member card. For more information, call Ext. 2426.

Soccer season opener: Falcons fall 3-1 to UNC

GREELEY, Colo. — Jessica Zimmerman’s two goals propelled the University of Northern Colorado past Air Force, 3-1, in the soccer season opener for both teams Aug. 26 here.

Northern Colorado struck first at the 32-minute mark as Teresa Prais scored off a pass from Zimmerman to put her team ahead 1-0. Air Force struck back a minute later, though, as Katherine Taylor scored her first career goal off a pass from Ashley Parker.

After battling to a 1-1 tie at the half, the two teams played more than 25 minutes of scoreless ball in the second period until Zimmerman broke the game open with two goals.

She struck for the go-ahead score at the

72:57 mark on a header off a free kick from goalkeeper Chrissy Marvin. Seconds later, Zimmerman scored her second goal to put the game out of reach at 3-1.

Marvin recorded zero saves for the win, while Erin Wallace had five saves in 90 minutes for the Falcons.

Air Force was out-shot 16-10, and tied UNC with 12 fouls committed each. Taylor led the Falcons with three shots. The academy women are 4-10 in season openers and 4-3 lifetime against UNC.

Air Force returns to action with a pair of home games. The Falcons take on Providence University today, and Central Michigan University Sunday.